Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM

Commissioners present: Peter Golrick, Mark Fairbrother, Frank (Mike)

Sokolosky, Gary Collins, Brian Carroll

Others present: Mike Sweeney (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale), Malcolm Clark, Rod Herzig

Motion by Frank to accept the minutes of 3/10/2008, second by Gary, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Frank to authorize Chairman to send letter of apology to the John Brown, et. al., second by Mark, passed unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

The sky diving operation indicated that they are still very interested in coming here.

Mark presented an idea about placing a 25' (approx.) pole, to be donated by the utility, as a method to attract kestrel falcons that are already frequenting the area. After a brief discussion, it was decided to take this up again at a later date. There was consensus that if there is money remaining in the budget this year, we should spend some on brush and small tree clearing around the Airport.

GALE REPORT

On the Runway Project, the NIT have sent a letter requesting that the FAA provide \$415,000 for further investigation, and the FAA has replied that that is too much, and \$30,000 would be a more reasonable consulting fee. The irrigation portion of the project should be underway soon. Discussion of our options based on the partial federal funding available this year. It was agreed to set a special meeting for 4/25 at 5PM to make that decision. Gale will spearhead getting the NHESP to a minor schedule change in the permit to reflect the actual construction start date.

CSA REPORT

The CSA discussed access to the AOA, and requested an update on the TTF Agreement. The Draft TTF will be ready for distribution at the May meeting for discussion in June. The CSA wanted to know where we were with commercial rates, \$3.52 (indexed to 2004 plus 3.42% per year) was the answer. It was made clear to the CSA rep that the rate is (and always has been) negotiable.

MANAGERS REPORT

(Airport Chair Signature)

Mike will not be able to attend the MAC meeting on the 16th, Mark and Frank agreed to accept on behalf of the Airport. Based Aircraft report was filed, 6% increase in based planes in last 6 months.

Commissioner Updates – We need to have Mike order 17 bulbs and 8 poles to fix the runway lights, a full inventory will be done on the 16^{th} .

8:42 Motion by Mark to adjourn, second by Gary, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

Voted ___ (Aye) __ (Nay) __ (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on: ___ / __ / ____